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Docket No.: MBP-007XX

Sir:

In re application of: **Klaus Unsicker et al**

**Entitled: NEUROPROTECTIVE PROPERTIES OF GDF-15, A NOVEL MEMBER  
 OF THE TGF- $\beta$  SUPERFAMILY**

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The following checked items are applicable:

- ☐ This is a Request for Continued Examination under §1.114; authorization is provided herewith to charge Deposit Account No. 23-0804 for the cost of same (\$ ) per §1.17(e).  
☐ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_ per §1.116.
- ☒ A Petition for Extension of Time for 1 month is hereby made under §1.136(a); authorization is provided herewith to charge Deposit Account No. 23-0804 for the cost of same (\$55.00) per §1.17.
- ☒ In the event a Petition for Extension of Time is required by this paper and not otherwise provided, such Petition is hereby made and authorization is provided herewith to charge Deposit Account No. 23-0804 for the cost of such extension.
- ☐ Other:

CLAIMS AFTER AMENDMENT:	MINUS PRIOR PAID CLAIMS:	EQUALS PRESENT EXTRA CLAIMS:	RATE:	ADDITIONAL FEE:
Independent	2 - 3	= -0-	x \$86.00 =	-0-
Total	26 - 26	= -0-	x \$18.00 =	-0-
<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Dependent Claims (1st presentation)			+ \$290.00 =	-0-
SUBTOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE				-0-
Small Entity filing, divide by 2. Small Entity status must be asserted.				-0-
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE				-0-

- ☒ No additional fee. ☐ The fee has been calculated above; authorization is provided herewith to charge Deposit Account No. 23-0804 (\$ ) for the cost of same.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees under §1.16 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0804.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being sent via facsimile to Examiner Gerald G. Leffers, TC Art Unit 1636, Fax No. (703) 872 9306, on July 16, 2004.

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